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The President hasn't changed his mind for several days.

Truly funny watching the Louis papers trying to boost traffic into life when of its accord it prefers to remain

England wants the at Washington is. How do you like a dependency of Great Britain, anyway.

President Wilson has announced his willingness to accept another term, and thus kicks the single term plank in the Democratic platform "out of politics."

Judging by the illustrations we see, the swell dames who sport evening frocks will soon be in a state of nudity above the waist line. About one more slash at the garment will accomplish it.

The Colonel must be getting looney, since he says President Wilson is afraid of Germany. Why, in all his controversy with the Kaiser's government, the President has talked real spunkily, saying such and such a thing shall not be, but when he deals with England, its "Yes, my lord. Very good, my lord."

We notice the rulers never call upon the people to display their patriotism in the maintenance of peace. Patriotism is only called upon when the people are dragged out and ordered to read and slay. We need some reforms in our idea of patriotism, and that reform has to come from the people if they get it at all.

The withdrawal of former Governor Herbert S. Hadley as a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator should simplify matters for the Republican party of Missouri in its preference for this office. Let the party now unite unanimously on Hon. Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City.

One Hundred and sixty-five Americans have been killed in Mexico and on the border in the past six years, by Mexicans. This is a greater number of Americans than have lost their lives in the big European war, but with Mexico our government displays no sternness on those outrages against American citizens.

We find this in the editorial columns of most of our Democratic exchanges, as original stuff.

A load of fat lambs sold for \$1.10 per cwt on the market last week—a new record high price for mutton. Yes, indeed, this is the same sheep that the calamity howlers of the Republican party said you couldn't give away. If Wilson was elected president, just how any slaughterer can look a sheep in the face is too noisy a question for us to answer.

Look a sheep in the face? Why, we're able for our pocketbook—in the presence of a single mutton cwt. How Democratic friends can pass a butcher shop these days without confusion they are entitled to the record for nerve as well as for the high price of mutton.

Our Washington correspondence criticizes the Democratic members of Congress for their failure to attend the sessions and general inaction in the matter of attending to public business. We are inclined to believe that this is more a cause for congratulation than fault finding. The less the party in power works in making changes in the laws the better off the people will be. Democratic laws are an affliction rather than a beneficence, as a rule, and we are quite content to see Congress under that party merely mark time until the occasion present itself when the people can take a hand in the matter and restore the G. O. P. to power.

Mr. Asquith, prime minister of England, in his address to Parliament on its re-assembly the other day, announced that the

\$25,000,000 a day, and that there was no immediate prospect of any reduction of this expense. Every four days the English people are pouring one hundred million dollars into the war bag, every forty days one billion dollars. These figures are staggering. Should the war drag along another year, and there is nothing in sight that promises an early peace, it means that the English people will add nine billion dollars to their burden of public debt. No nation can carry such a load under a process of wastage, for money spent in war is unproductive. We believe that the war is carrying Europe into bankruptcy and a financial cataclysm is inevitable. The people will not carry the load that is being heaped upon them and the big debts are going to be repudiated by the new generation, if not by the present one.

The Democratic party can only win again this year through another serious division of the Republican party. There is nothing in the record the Democrats have made since they were placed in power three years ago to win a single vote in approval from men who voted against that party in 1912. On the other hand, there is plenty of reason for the belief that many of the men who voted for Wilson in 1912 will not do so this year. While his partisans raise a resounding clamor that Mr. Wilson is a great president, and claim that he has grown in popularity, there is no foundation for anything he has accomplished since he has been in office. Even in the south where faith in the Democratic party rises almost to worship, Mr. Wilson has fallen in estimate on account of the effect of his "policies" on the cotton industry. With the Republicans fairly reunited, Wilson is going to be one of the worst beat men this year that ever ran for the presidency.

Might makes right. A British warship stopped an American ocean liner on the high seas the other day and took away from it thirty or more of the liner's passengers, who were guilty of no offense other than that the accident of birth had made them German. England's act in this case was equivalent to an invasion of American territory and rounding up as prisoners all such foreigners who have incurred British displeasure. Perhaps we may soon have an army over from Canada to drive all Germans in this country across the line into British prison camps. President Wilson will probably make a weak kneed protest against this outrage, but England will continue to do as she pleases. Either British might makes right in Washington, D. C., these days or President Wilson is no longer "neutral." It would be more honorable on our part as nation and reflect greater credit on the administration were our government to come out openly with a declaration of war against Germany than to continue the course we have been pursuing. And then, our country, right or wrong, our country!

The government is also going to "investigate" the railroads. Did you ever hear of a case where an investigation by the government of the boils on the body politic led to a cure or even an abatement of the evil? We never did. Back in the days of Roosevelt he had an investigation made into the conditions of country life in the United States and the report never saw the light of day after President Roosevelt looked it over, and in the dark it remains. The conditions the report revealed are said to have shamed the government by their existence. And so it is with most all the things the government feels called upon to investigate in behalf of the people, the result is always so discreditable to officialdom that it hides its recency behind still further inaction. And so our country both continues to

## Republican County Convention

At a meeting of the Republican County Central Committee for Washington County, State of Missouri, held in Potosi on February 22d, pursuant to a call by the chairman, it was decided to hold a County Convention at the Court House in the city of Potosi, Washington County, Missouri,

ON THE 4th DAY OF MARCH, 11 A. M.

for the purpose of electing six delegates and six alternates to represent Washington County in the State Republican Convention to be held at Excelsior Spring, State of Missouri, on the 6th day of April, 1916, at 11 o'clock a. m. Also to elect twelve delegates and twelve alternates to represent Washington County in the Thirteenth Congressional District Convention to be held at De Soto, State of Missouri, on the 25th day of April, 1916, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The qualified Republican electors of the county and all other qualified electors, without regard to past affiliations, who endorse the policies of the Republican party and desire the re-establishment of Republican influence in governmental affairs are invited to unite under this call in the selection of delegates to the said state and congressional conventions.

L. W. CASEY, Chairman.

W. A. COOPER, Secretary.

plague us. No political or social reforms ever come from the government no matter how much it investigates. Officialdom is content to sleep comfortably on the job of looking after public welfare, and will act only when the people become so sore that they are forced to find relief through public improvements that moves officialdom along with it, willy nilly. Meanwhile the "investigations" to fool the people into thinking that the government is really watchful of their welfare.

A St. Louis Minister says the devil is getting most of the Lord's money. If this is true, it argues that the devil is the surest way to get rich. But after all, since money is the root of all evil, the money must belong to the devil in the first place.

### Drunk and Disorderly.

Speaking of the concerted outcry about Democratic "prosperity," William Allen White of the *Lampoon* (Klan) Gazette says: "It just naturally 'burst out' this week into a kind of hysterical chorus, and seems to be the popular song of the day. Where does it come from? Why this thunders? Who is back of it? The cattle and hog market is rotten. Real estate is slower than molasses running uphill in January. A lot of farmers over the country think the beef business is a humbug, the wheat of the market, manufacturing prices and throwing scores of good men in every county into bankruptcy. Of course the makers of munitions of war are making money—all kinds of 'from 10 to 100 percent profit.' They are spending their profits in the jewelry stores and dry goods stores and hotels of the cities like drunken sailors. But that isn't prosperity. That isn't business. It is a drunk and disorderly condition in industry, and the cold gray dawn is sure to dawn. So why this purple-faced radiance about prosperity? Why not tell the folks the truth to trim the sails and look out for storms."

### Verbose Legal Verbiage.

An old Missouri deed for forty acres of land is a good illustration of legal verbiage. It contains "all and singular appurtenances, appendages, advowsons, benefices, commons, curtilages, cow houses, corner lots, dairies, dove-cotes, easements, emoluments, freeholds, features, furniture, fixtures, gardens, homesteads, improvements, immunities, linealms, meadows, marshes, mines, minerals, orchards, parks, pleasure grounds, pigeon houses, pigsties, quarries, remainders, reversions, rents, rights, ways, water courses, windmills, together with every other necessary right, immunity, privilege and advantage of whatsoever name, nature or description." There might have been more of it had the dictionary held out.

### An Extraordinary Request.

Worcester Telegram. "The Government of Great Britain is reaching for into the United States with its orders that it is due for a call down. American corporations whose business is handling copper and other metals for export have received word from their representatives in the British Isles that the English Government expects them to forward lists of their stockholders, the name, nationality and address of each one and the number of shares each one owns, also a list of the people in all parts of the world who buy their goods, and that these American companies will keep the British informed as to changes in the stockholders' lists and buyers. This is not explained what the information is wanted for, but the request is accompanied by a quotation from an English law which authorizes the King to prohibit any British subject trading with anybody or corporation outside which has connection of any nature with the British enemy. It is the most extraordinary request ever made to Americans by any government. Officials of several corporations are asked as to what to do. They do not want to be blacklisted by the English Government. They are not going to send any such list. They have appealed to Secretary of State Lansing. The country has got more to attend to than its political scrambles in the next few months.

### Lost Skill of the Ancients.

From the *Engineering Magazine*. From the earliest period of which we have historical records one of man's greatest problems has been to lift heavy loads rapidly and efficiently. Some of the greatest monuments of antiquity were built under conditions that involved lifting of heavy pieces of building material to great heights, but how it was done we do not know to this day. The manner in which the great stones were raised to their places in the pyramids in Egypt has always been a mystery and probably always will be. It is certain, however, that the builders of these wonderful monuments were possessed of mechanical contrivances that were lost in the dark ages intervening between their time and ours, or they possessed patience to a more remarkable degree than is exhibited in any race of men at the present time.

### McAdoo's Mathematics.

Kennebec Journal. An old friend of ours dropped in the other day and was discussing the McAdoo method of book-keeping in the Federal Treasury. "It reminds me," he said, "of a butcher whom I knew in my boyhood. A woman was buying some liver and the butcher reckoned the account like this: 'Eight pounds at eight cents a pound. Eight eights is six. Take it for 60 cents, ma'am.'"

### Planting And Pruning Fruit Trees.

Fruit trees should be ordered at once if they are to be set out this spring. Careful tests at the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station have shown that fall planting is better, but if the work was not done last fall it will be better to do the work this spring than to wait until next fall and lose another year of growth.

One-year-old trees that have been properly grown are usually preferable, but two-year-old apple, pear, cherry or American plum trees may be used. Set apple trees 25 or 35 feet apart each way; pear, peach, or cherry trees 20 feet, and plum 16½ feet.

The bark will show just how deep the young tree were before transplanting and they should be reset to about the same depth in holes just deep and broad enough to admit the roots in their natural position without any bending. Cut any broken or diseased parts from the roots and be sure that the ends are smoothly cut instead of left ragged. Trees that cannot be planted as soon as they come must be heeled in to prevent the roots from drying out or molding.

Shake fine moist (not wet) soil in between the roots and tramp it firmly with the feet while the hole is being filled, but be sure that the roots are covered in a natural position and not trampled into bad positions. After the soil has been tramped in level with the surrounding ground, an inch or two of loose earth spread over the surface will help to prevent baking.

As most trees cannot be reset without the loss of many roots, the top must be trimmed accordingly, or there will be more of it than the remaining roots can support readily and even young trees which are not transplanted should be pruned severely and the proper shape given them. The one-year old tree which has no side limbs should usually be trimmed to make it head out from two to two and a half feet from the ground. All side limbs of peach trees should be cut off close to the trunk and the main trunk should be shortened. Cherry trees should be so pruned that only three, four, or five branches are left, but none of its branches should be cut back.

Well branched apple, pear, and American plum trees should have the main leaders cut out to form open spreading heads that will let in the sunshine to aid in ripening the fruit. Their side limbs should be so shortened that they are only half or two thirds as long as at first. The number of main limbs should be finally reduced to three, four, or five which are to form the framework of the tree, but it is often better to leave more limbs than this at the end of the first season and make final choice of the limbs that are to be saved at the end of another year.

### Storage For Paper Bags.

Smooth all discarded paper bags neatly in their original folds. Sort them into three sizes—large, medium, small. Put each lot in a large paper bag. Then place these storage bags, with these contents, mouth outward, flat upon the pantry shelf. When a clean bag is wanted, one of the required size may be drawn out instantly without precipitating that avalanche which always follows when paper bags are laid away in a loose heap. Each day put each incoming bag into its proper receptacle.

### Rank Injustice.

"Pa," inquired a 7-year-old seeker after the truth, "is it true that school teachers get paid?" "Certainly it is," said the father.

"Well, then, said the youth indignantly, 'that ain't right. Why should the teachers get paid when us kids do all the work?'"—*Ladies Home Journal*.

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